

In the Claims

1. (withdrawn) A breathable protective pad, comprising:
a foam body including a hard, inner layer and first and second layers of breathable foam
secured to opposing surfaces of said hard, inner layer, said layers presenting a
sandwich configuration;
a breathable fabric layer secured around said foam body's periphery;
said hard, inner layer having spaced apart openings therethrough, said protective pad
thereby allowing air or moisture to flow therethrough substantially throughout its
area.
2. (withdrawn) A protective pad as claimed in claim 1 wherein said layers of
breathable foam are formed of closed cell foam beads fused together.
3. (withdrawn) A protective pad as claimed in claim 1 wherein said layers of
breathable foam include spaced apart perforations therethrough with at least one said perforation
in alignment with one said opening in said hard, inner layer.
4. (withdrawn) A protective pad as claimed in claim 1 wherein said hard, inner
layer is rigid plastic.

5. (currently amended) Football shoulder pads, comprising:

a left and right torso pad, each including a front portion, a back portion and a shoulder portion, a

left and right cap pad extending from said shoulder portion of said corresponding

~~torso pad; and torso pad;~~

said torso pads being breathable and including a foam body having a hard inner layer and first

and second layers of breathable foam secured to opposing surfaces of said hard inner

layer, said layers presenting a sandwich configuration, said hard inner layer having

spaced apart openings therethrough to allow airflow through said torso pads

substantially throughout their area;

each said cap pad having a first means for releasably securing an upper end thereof to said

corresponding shoulder portion and a second means for releasably securing each cap

pad at a lower end thereof to a wearer's arm;

said first means extending from an upper portion of each said cap pad;

said second means extending from a lower portion of each said cap pad;

each said cap pad thereby providing protection to the wearer's shoulder and arm with movement

thereof in any direction.

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7. (original) Football shoulder pads as claimed in claim 5 wherein said means for securing said cap pad to a wearer's arm includes a strap, the ends of said strap secured to opposite sides of said corresponding cap pad and said strap adapted to extend around the wearer's arm.

8. (original) Football shoulder pads as claimed in claim 5 wherein said means for releasably securing each said cap pad at an upper end thereof includes a strap and a loop, said strap attached at one end to said upper end of said cap pad, said loop secured to said shoulder portion, a free end of said strap adapted to extend through said loop into secure engagement with itself.

9. (original) Football shoulder pads as claimed in claim 5 further comprising left and right deltoid pads, one said deltoid pad being selectively removable from said corresponding torso pad.

10. (original) Football shoulder pads as claimed in claim 5, further comprising:

outer arches, one said arch secured over each one of said shoulder portions of said torso pads and having a means for accessorizing the football shoulder pads secured thereto.

11. (original) Football shoulder pads as claimed in claim 5 further comprising:
a means for accessorizing the football shoulder pads secured to said torso pads.
12. (currently amended) Football shoulder pads as claimed ~~in claim 6~~ in claim 5 wherein said layers of breathable foam are formed of closed cell foam beads fused together.
13. (currently amended) Football shoulder pads as claimed ~~in claim 6~~ in claim 5 where said layers of breathable foam include spaced apart perforations therethrough with at least one said perforation in alignment with one said opening in said hard, inner layer.
14. (original) Football shoulder pads as claimed in claim 10 wherein said means for accessorizing includes a t-nut secured within an aperture extending through each said outer arch and a screw secured to each said t-nut and adapted to receive and secure an accessory to the football shoulder pad.
15. (original) Football shoulder pads as claimed in claim 11 wherein said means for accessorizing includes a flap having an aperture therethrough, adapted to receive and secure an accessory to the football shoulder pads.

16. (currently amended) Football shoulder pads, comprising:

a breathable torso pad member of said shoulder pads having a front portion, a back portion and a shoulder portion;

said breathable torso pad member further including a foam body having a hard, inner layer and first and second layers of breathable foam secured to opposing surfaces of said hard inner layer, said layers presenting a sandwich configuration;

said hard inner layer having spaced apart openings therethrough to allow airflow through said torso pad member substantially throughout its area.

17. (original) Football shoulder pads as claimed in claim 16 further

comprising:

an adjustable cap pad extending from said shoulder portion;

means for releasably securing said cap pad at said shoulder portion.

18. (original) Football shoulder pads as claimed in claim 16 further

comprising:

an adjustable cap pad extending from said shoulder portion;

means for securing said cap pad to a wearer's arm, said cap pad thereby providing protection to the wearer's arm with movement thereof in any direction.

19. (original) Football shoulder pads as claimed in claim 16, further comprising:

a deltoid pad selectively removable from said front portion.

20. (original) Football shoulder pads as claimed in claim 16, further comprising:

an outer arch secured over said shoulder portion and having a means for accessorizing the football shoulder pads secured to said outer arch.

21. (original) Football shoulder pads as claimed in claim 16, further comprising:

a means for accessorizing the football shoulder pads secured to said torso pad member.

22. (original) Football shoulder pads as claimed in claim 16 wherein said layers of breathable foam are formed of closed cell foam beads fused together.

23. (original) Football shoulder pads as claimed in claim 16 wherein said layers of breathable foam include spaced apart perforations therethrough with at least one said perforation in alignment with one said opening in said hard, inner layer.

24. (original) Football shoulder pads as claimed in claim 16 wherein said hard, inner layer is plastic.

25. (original) Football shoulder pads as claimed in claim 17 wherein said means for releasably securing said cap pad at said shoulder portion includes a strap and a loop, said strap attached at one end to said cap pad, said loop secured to said shoulder portion, a free end of said strap adapted to extend through said loop into secure engagement with itself.

26. (original) Football shoulder pads as claimed in claim 18 wherein said means for securing said cap pad to a wearer's arm includes a strap, the ends of said strap secured to opposite sides of said cap pad, said strap adapted to extend around a wearer's arm.

27. (previously presented) Football shoulder pads, comprising:

a breathable torso pad member having a front portion, a back portion and a shoulder portion, an adjustable cap pad releasably secured to said shoulder portion, and a selectively removable and adjustable deltoid pad; and

an accessory attachment member on the football shoulder pads, said attachment member including an aperture extending therethrough adapted to secure an accessory to the football shoulder pads;

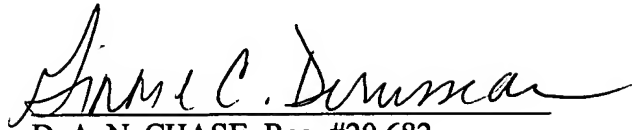
said breathable torso pad member further including a foam body having a hard, inner, plastic layer and first and second layers of breathable foam formed of closed cell foam beads fused together;

said layers of breathable foam secured to opposing surfaces of said hard, inner, plastic layer to present a sandwich configuration;

said hard, inner plastic layer having spaced apart openings therethrough to allow airflow through said torso pad member substantially throughout its area;

said cap pad including a strap, the ends of said strap being secured to opposite sides of said cap pad, said strap thereby being adapted to extend around a wearer's arm.

Respectfully submitted,

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